Unemployment due to Closure of Textile Mills

2418. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile labourers who have been unemployed due to closure of textile mills in the country, State-wise details thereof;

(b) how many of them are given training to get self employment or alternative employment, State-wise details;

(c) the plan to help the remaining labourers to find employment and by when; and

(d) whether there is any time-bound programme finalised; if so the details thereof, if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) The number of textile workers affected due to closure of cotton/man-made fibre textile mills was reportedly 263901 as on 30.4.98. A statement indicating number of textile workers affected State-wise is attached. (*see* below)

(b) to (d) Assistance from National Renewal Fund is available only for Voluntary Retirement Scheme in Central PSUs and schemes for counselling, retraining and redeployment of rationalised workers. Under the Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme, an interim relief for a period of three years is provided to the workers rendered jobless due to permanent/partial closure of textile mills in the private sector.

Statement

Number of textile workers affected State-wise due to closure of cotton/man-made fibre textile mills as on 30.4.98 is given below.

Name of State/U.T.	Workers
Andhra Pradesh	7023
Assam	2080
Bihar	501
Gujarat	105069
Haryana	4015
Karnataka	7927
Kerala	2178
Madhya Pradesh	21091
Maharashtra	28764
Orissa	48
Punjab	2317
Rajashthan	8393
Tamil Nadu	17104
Uttar Pradesh	29299
West Bengal	20700
Delhi	6117
Manipur	475
TOTAL :	263901

Winding up the Closed NTC Mills in Gujarat

2419. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to wind up the closed NTC mills in Gujarat including those that can be partially restarted, like the spinning section;

(b) the number of NTC mills that can be reopened, with some effort or a particular section of the mill;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have finalised a scheme of early retirement of its technical staff and officers can have an incentive to have retirement; and

(d) whether it will not increase unemployment?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) NTC (Gujarat) Ltd. which manages 11 NTC mills in the State of Gujarat